

tion of \$36,500 for legislative assistants in Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders. Positions established by Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, for Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, which Act, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, classified to former section 61h-1 of this title, authorized the respective leaders to appoint a legislative assistant, were abolished, see Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, set out as a note under section 61h-1 of this title. See, also, section 61h-4 of this title.

Section 61h-3, Pub. L. 94-59, title I, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 269, authorized Senate Majority and Minority Leaders to appoint and fix compensation of an executive secretary and a clerical assistant effective July 1, 1975. Positions established by Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, for Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, which Act, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, classified to former section 61h-1 of this title, authorized the respective leaders to appoint an executive secretary, and a clerical assistant, were abolished, see Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, set out as a note under section 61h-1 of this title. See, also, section 61h-4 of this title.

#### **§ 61h-4. Appointment of employees by Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; compensation**

Effective April 1, 1977, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as they deem appropriate: *Provided*, That the gross compensation paid to such employees shall not exceed \$191,700 each fiscal year for each Leader.

(Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80.)

##### **CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977.

##### **INCREASES IN COMPENSATION**

Increases in compensation for Senate officers and employees under authority of Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), see Salary Directives of President pro tempore of the Senate, set out as notes under section 60a-1 of this title.

#### **§ 61h-5. Assistants to Senate Majority and Minority Leaders for Floor Operations; establishment of positions; appointment; compensation**

Effective October 1, 1983, there is established within the Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders the positions of Assistant to the Majority Leader for Floor Operations and Assistant to the Minority Leader for Floor Operations, respectively. Individuals appointed to such positions by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, respectively, shall receive compensation at a rate fixed by the appropriate Leader not to exceed the maximum annual rate of gross compensation of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 98-51, title I, §101(a), July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 265.)

##### **CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1984, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1984.

##### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 61h-5, Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, authorizing the Majority Leader and

the Minority Leader to appoint, respectively, an Assistant to the Majority Leader for Floor Operations and an Assistant to the Minority Leader for Floor Operations, was omitted in view of section 101(b) of Pub. L. 98-51, which provided that: "Effective October 1, 1983, the positions of Assistant to the Majority Leader for Floor Operations and Assistant to the Minority Leader for Floor Operations established by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h-5), are abolished."

##### **INCREASES IN COMPENSATION**

Increases in compensation for Senate officers and employees under authority of Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), see Salary Directives of President pro tempore of the Senate, set out as notes under section 60a-1 of this title.

#### **§ 61h-6. Appointment of consultants by Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of Senate, and Legislative Counsel of Senate; compensation**

##### **(a) In general**

The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than eight individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The President pro tempore of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this subsection. The President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of one individual consultant, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this subsection. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Legislative Counsel of the Senate (subject to the approval of the President pro tempore) is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this section. The provisions of sections 8344 and 8468 of title 5 shall not apply to any individual serving in a position under this authority. Expenditures under this authority shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the President pro tempore, President pro tempore emeritus, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, or Legislative Counsel of the Senate, as the case may be.

##### **(b) Annual compensation**

Any or all appointments under this section may be at an annual rate of compensation rather than at a daily rate of compensation, but such annual rate shall not be in excess of the highest gross rate of annual compensation